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Section D Categorical Exclusion for Geologic and Ecologic Characterization Within Wetlands or Floodplains at Rocky Flats Plant (RFO/CX025-91)

Ralph Lightner, Director Southwestern Area Programs Division, EM-45

Enclosed is a draft categorical exclusion (CX) for proposed work to characterize the geology and ecology of the Rocky Flats Plant. This portion of the characterization work may occur within wetlands or floodplains on the plant site. The studies outlined in the CX will be conducted to provide data in support of cleanup activities to be performed under RCRA and CERCLA. The work is scheduled to begin immediately and continue through December 1993.

Please contact Tricia Powell (FTS 345-3260) to discuss the planned activity

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**SECTION D DETERMINATION  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION RFO/CX025-91**

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**Proposed Action:** Field Activities for Geologic and Ecologic Characterization Within Floodplains or Wetlands

**Location:** Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, CO

**Proposed by:** U S Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

Rocky Flats Plant proposes to carry out field activities to gather data to characterize the geology and ecology of the plant site within wetlands and floodplains in support of the remediation of RCRA and CERCLA sites. This work may be performed both within and outside the boundaries of operable units 1, 2, 5 and 6. The characterization work would include 1) establishing new surface water and sediment sampling stations and collecting samples, 2) collecting soil and soil gas samples, and 3) drilling new water wells and collecting groundwater samples, and 4) drilling to obtain geologic cores.

To establish new surface water and sediment sampling stations, stakes would be driven into the ground at the edge of a stream or water body. The stakes would be used as reference points so that samples can be taken from the same locations periodically. Water and sediment samples would be taken by driving or walking to the sample site and collecting up to a few pounds of sediment or a few quarts of water.

Soil and soil gas samples may be collected within floodplains from grids 38, 51, 52, 57, 81, 96, 109 and 115 shown on Figure 2 using three different methods. The first soil sampling method uses a Colorado Department of Health sampler to remove two to three tablespoons of soil from the ground surface anywhere within the grid. The second soil sampling method that would be used is backhoe excavation of soil pits nine feet long, five feet wide and four feet deep to gather samples from the soil profile within each grid. The sample pits will be refilled with the excavated earth after sampling. Sampling soil gas (Figures 3 and 8) is to be accomplished by using a hand auger to drill a one inch diameter hole 18 to 24 inches deep. A probe is inserted into the hole to sample any gases that escape from the soil.

Drilling new water wells and core holes would involve driving a truck mounted drilling rig to the locations shown on Figures 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 to drill holes four to six inches in diameter. Drilling activities that may be within the 100 year floodplain or wetlands are highlighted by heavy arrows on the figures. As a general principle, drilling in wetlands would be avoided because of the added difficulties of setting up a drilling rig and drilling in saturated soils, but it may be necessary to locate one or more holes within a wetland. As holes are drilled, drill cuttings would be brought to the surface and shoveled into drums for analysis of contaminants and appropriate disposal. Drilling activity will result in the trampling of vegetation for up to 200 square feet around the drill hole.

All of these activities are scheduled to occur between May 1991 and December 1993. They will not introduce or cause the inadvertent or uncontrolled movement of hazardous substances or non-native organisms, or adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas listed in the guidelines. Because of the nature of the proposed activities, no adverse impacts are expected to wetlands or floodplains.

Categorical Exclusion to be applied

3 Site characterization and environmental monitoring, including siting, construction, or operation of ~~characterization and monitoring devices, under CERCLA and RCRA, if these activities would not~~ introduce or cause the inadvertent or uncontrolled movement of hazardous substances as defined in section 101(33) of CERCLA, or non-native organisms, and would not adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas as defined in paragraph 4 (DOE NEPA Guidelines, 55FR37178)

DOE NEPA REGULATIONS SECTION D DETERMINATION  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION - RFO/CX 025-91

Geologic and Ecologic Characterization Within Floodplains and Wetlands at Rocky  
Flats Plant

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion as defined in the Section D of the DOE NEPA Guidelines. Therefore, I approve the categorical exclusion of the proposed action from further NEPA review and documentation.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title

Leo Duffy  
Director, Environmental  
Restoration & Waste Mgmt

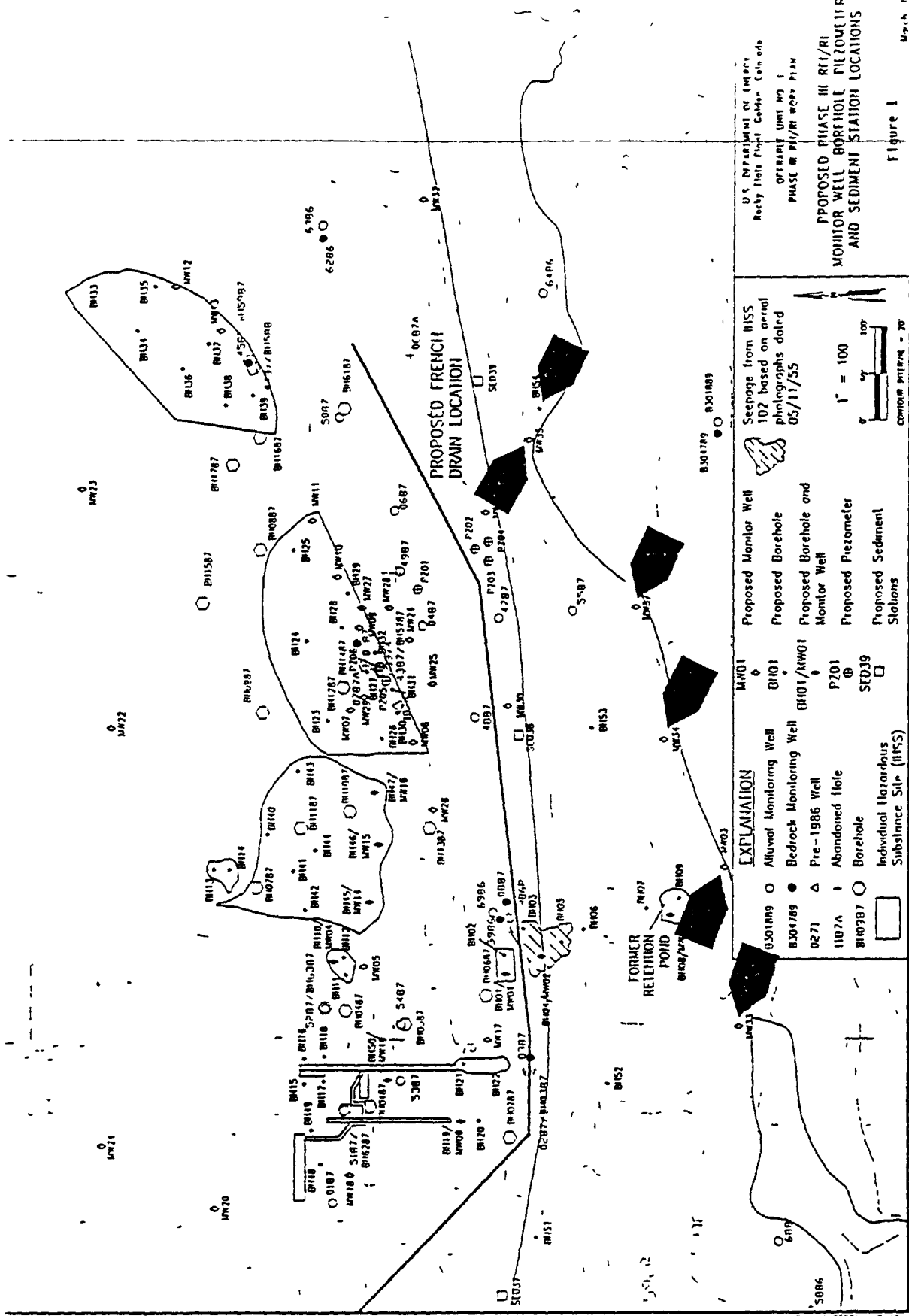
EH-25 has reviewed this determination and has no objection

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title

Carol M. Borgstrom  
Director, Office of NEPA  
Oversight

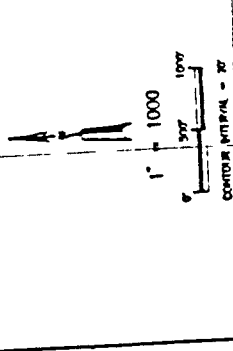


# EXPLANATION

- ESTIMATED MOISTURE STATUS OF SURFACE SOILS (BASED ON QUANTITATIVE SOIL ANALYSES)
- 10 ACRES SURFICIAL PLOT LOCATIONS
- 10 ACRES SURFICIAL PLOT LOCATIONS (NORTH AND SOUTH OF OUTLINE UNIT 1)
- 25 ACRES SURFICIAL PLOT LOCATIONS
- SEE TYPE SYMBOLS AND NUMBER

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1940

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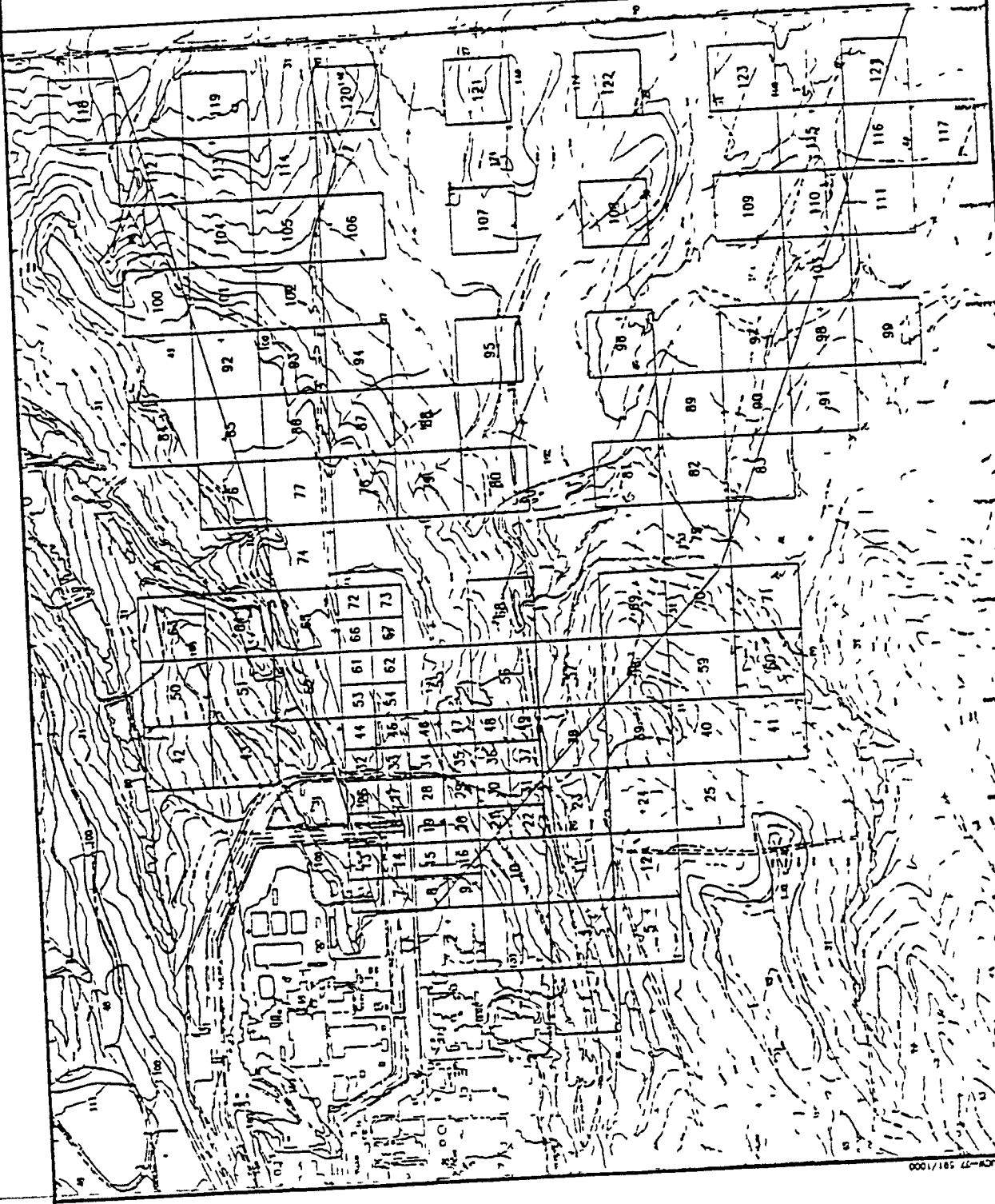


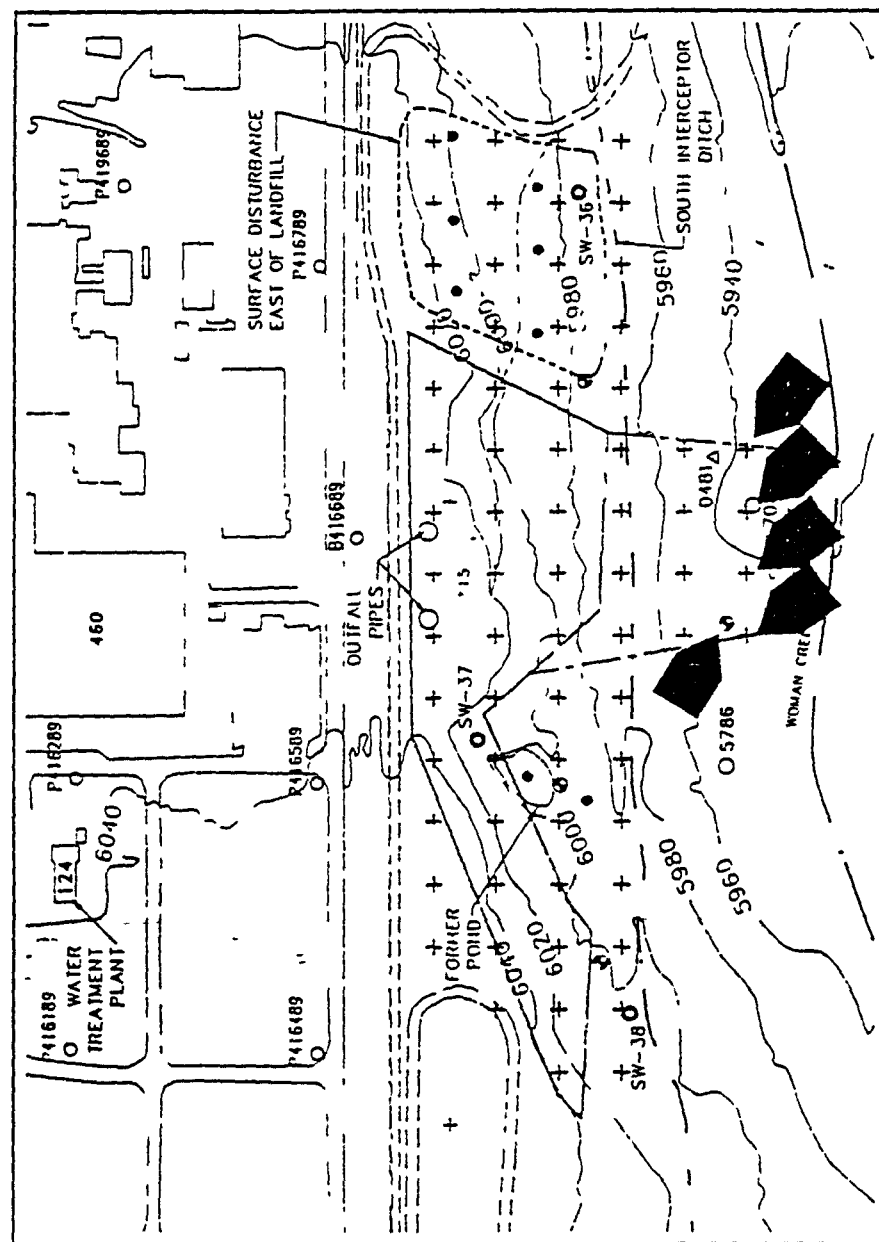
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PHASE B (W/IN WORK PLAN (ALLUVAL))

PROPOSED SURFICIAL SOIL SAMPLING  
PLOT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Figure 2





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SCALE 1" = 200'

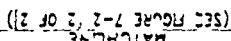
### EXPLANATION

- INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE
- EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION
- EXISTING ALUMINUM CROCODILE MONITORING
- PRE-1986 MONITORING WELL
- INTERMITTENT STREAM
- DIRT ROAD
- ROCKY FLATS BLDG NO. 124
- PRELIMINARY EXTENSION OF THE LANDFILL BASED ON A SITE RECONNAISSANCE
- PROPOSED WELL LOCATION
- PROPOSED SOIL BORING LOCATION
- PROPOSED SOIL GAS SAMPLE
- \*ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

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PHASE 1 RI/RI WORK PLAN

PROPOSED SAMPLING AND  
WELL LOCATIONS  
HSS 115  
ORIGINAL LANDFILL





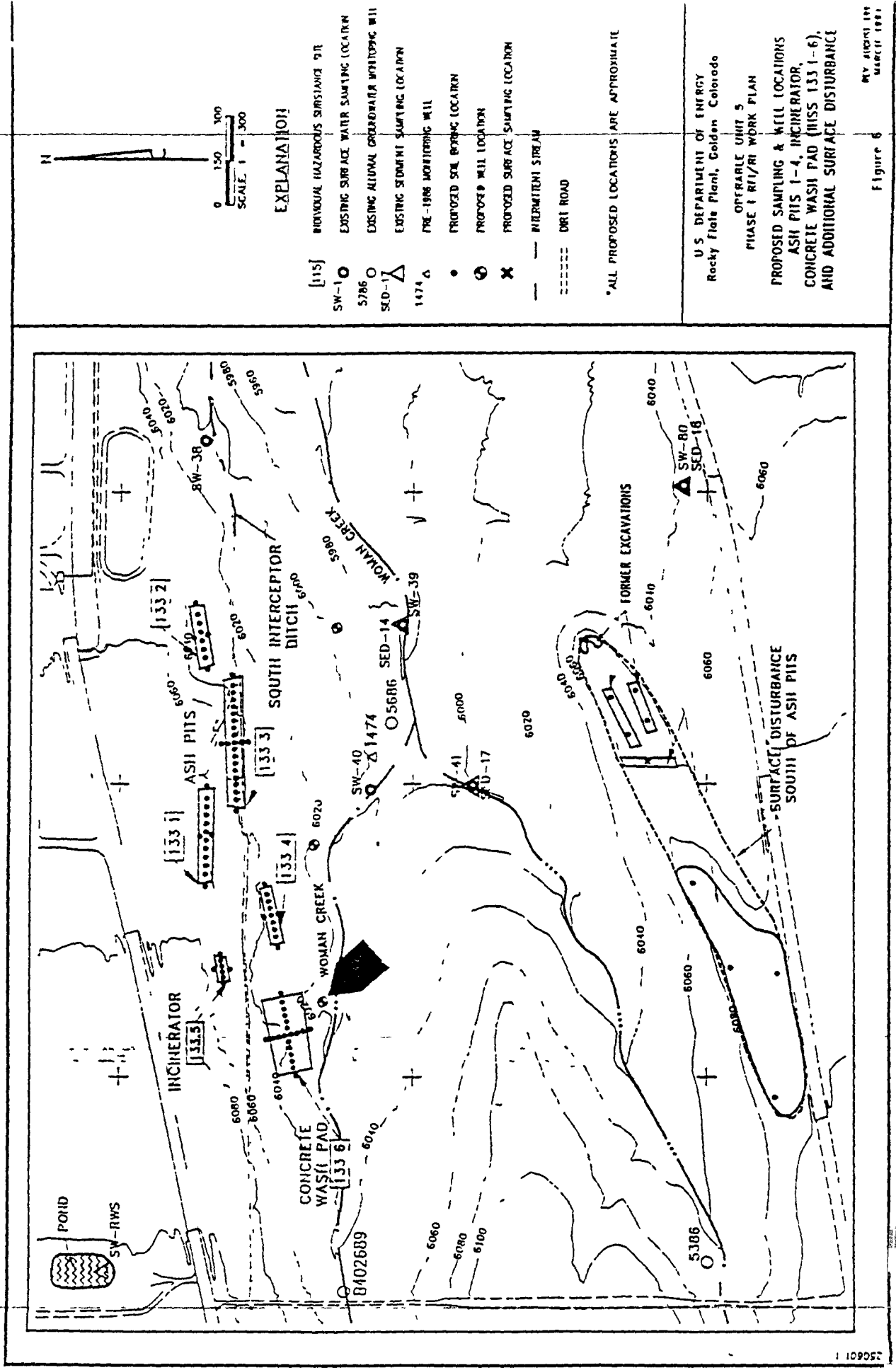
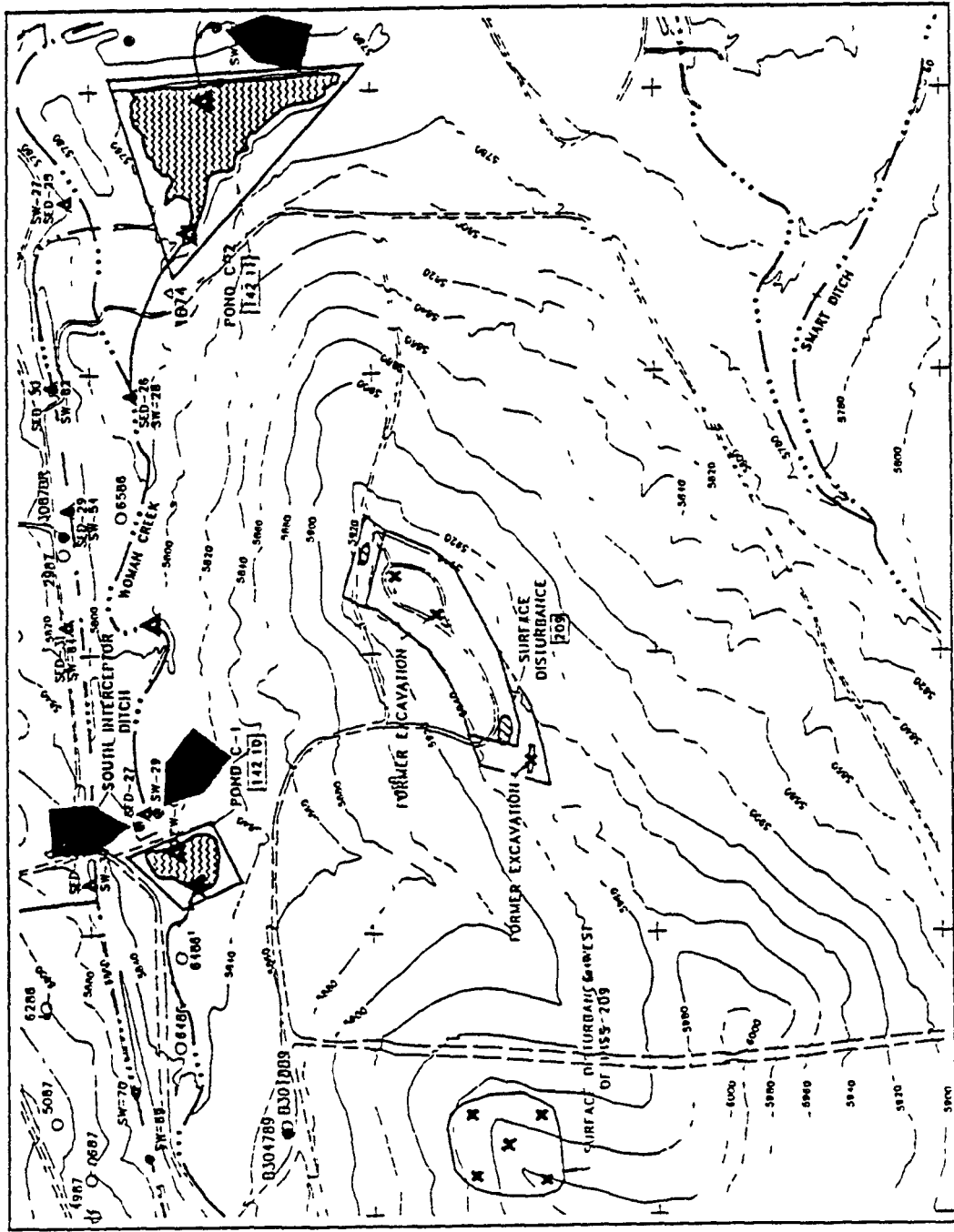


Figure 6

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# EXPLANATION

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PERMANENT HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE

SW-1

EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION

SW-2

EXISTING ALLUVIAL OVERFLOWING WEIR

SW-3

EXISTING SETBACK SAMPLING LOCATION

SW-4

EXISTING RETROD OVERFLOWING WEIR

SW-5

PROPOSED DEPTH STUDY

SW-6

INTERMITTENT STREAM

SW-7

UNPAVED ROAD

SW-8

PRELIMINARY ELEVATION OF THE SURFACE DISTURBANCE BASED ON A 5% RECONSTRUCTION

SW-9

ORIGINAL STREAM CHANNEL NEAR POND C-1

SW-10

PROPOSED SURFACE SAMPLING LOCATION

SW-11

PROPOSED WELL LOCATION

SW-12

PROPOSED SETBACK SAMPLING LOCATION

SW-13

OTHER LOCATIONS IN EACH POND WILL BE SELECTED AT RAINFALL

SW-14

ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

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PHASE 1 R/F/R WORK PLAN

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PROPOSED SAMPLING & WELL LOCATIONS

SW-20

INSS 142 10-11, PONDS C-1 & C-2

SW-21

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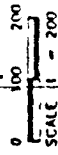
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Figure 7

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## EXPLANATION

- INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE
- EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION
- EXISTING ANNUAL CROCODON WATER MONITORING
- EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLING LOCATION
- EXISTING METEORIC CROCODON WATER MONITORING
- DIRT ROAD
- INTERMITTENT STREAM
- ROCKY FLATS INDC NO
- PROPOSED SURFACE GAS SAMPLING LOCATION
- PROPOSED WELL LOCATION
- PROPOSED SURFACE SAMPLING LOCATION
- PROPOSED PUMPING AND SURFACE SAMPLING LOCATION

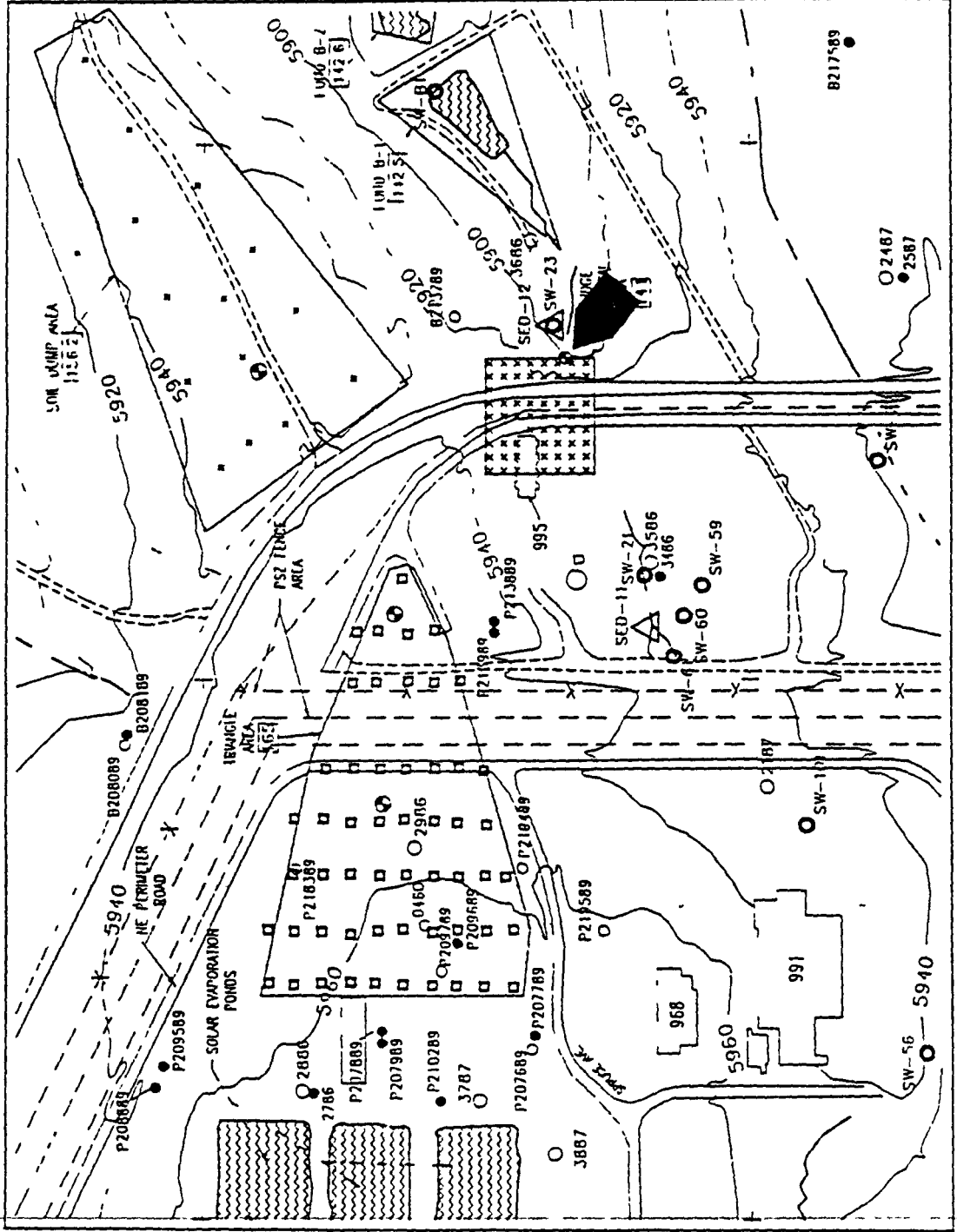
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PROPOSED SAMPLING AND  
WELL LOCATIONS  
IHSS 141 SLUDGE DISPERSAL  
IHSS 165 TRIANGLE AREA  
IHSS 156.2 SOIL DUMP AREA

Figure 8 April



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INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE	
EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION	
EXISTING ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATION	
EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLING LOCATION	
EXISTING BIOTRACK GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATION	

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INTERMITTENT SIRC AM

**DIRT ROAD**

PROPOSED WITH LOCATIONS

PROPOSED BEDROCK WELL LOCATIONS FOR SITE-WIDE GEOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION PROGRAM. These wells are shown in figure 11.

ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

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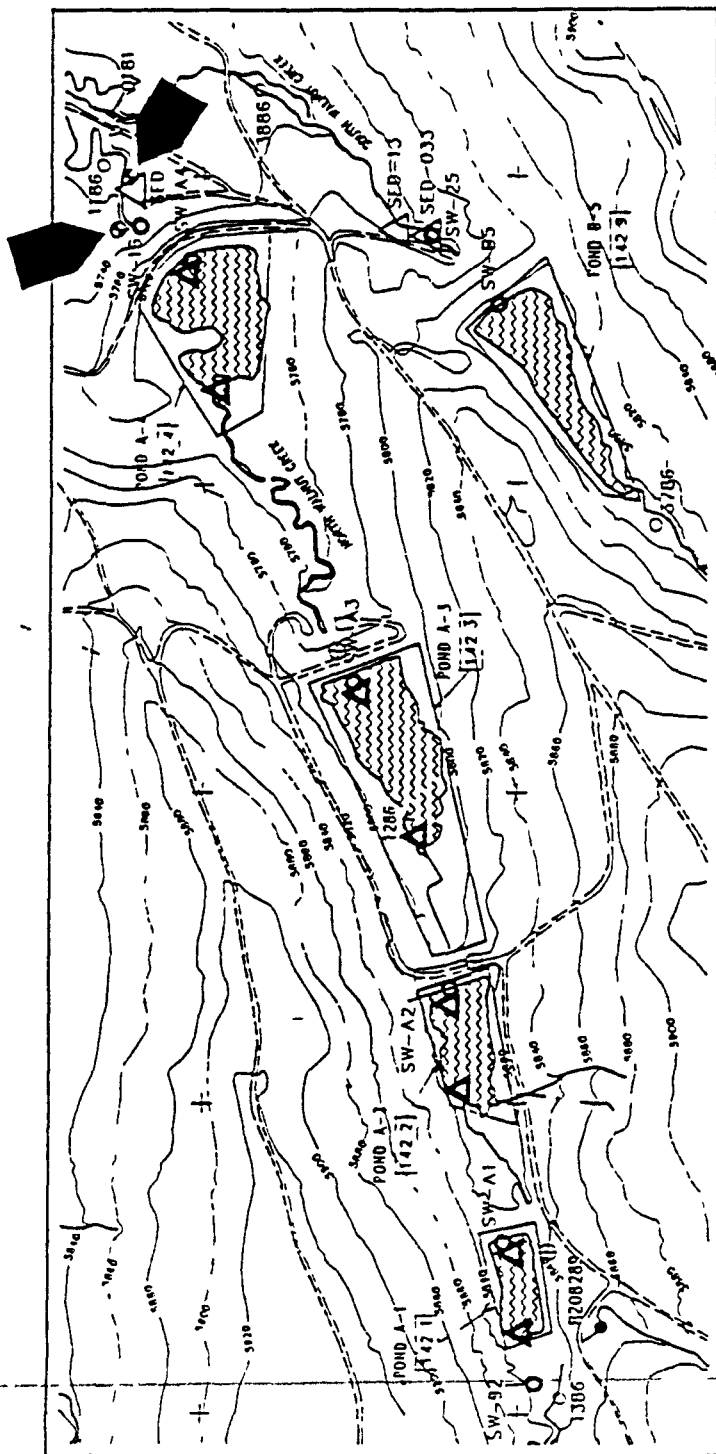
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PROPOSED SAMPLING & WELL LOCATIONS  
IHSSs 142 1-4  
A-SERIES DETENTION PONDS  
ALONG NORTH WALNUT CREEK

Figure 9

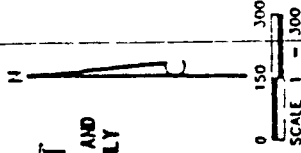
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**EXPLANATION**

- (11) INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE
- SW-10 EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION
- SW-86 EXISTING ALLUVAL CROWD WATER MONITORING WELL
- SED-17 EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLING LOCATION
- - - - - INTERMITTENT STREAM
- ===== DIRT ROAD
- [146] ROCKY FLATS RIDGE NO
- PROPOSED WELL LOCATION<sup>1</sup>
- PROPOSED BORING AND SURFACE SAMPLE<sup>1</sup> LOCATION
- △ PROPOSED SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCATION<sup>1,2</sup>
- ⊕ PROPOSED RETROCK WELL LOCATIONS FOR SITE-WIDE GEOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION PROGRAM<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>1</sup> ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE
- <sup>2</sup> THREE OTHER LOCATIONS IN EACH POND WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM

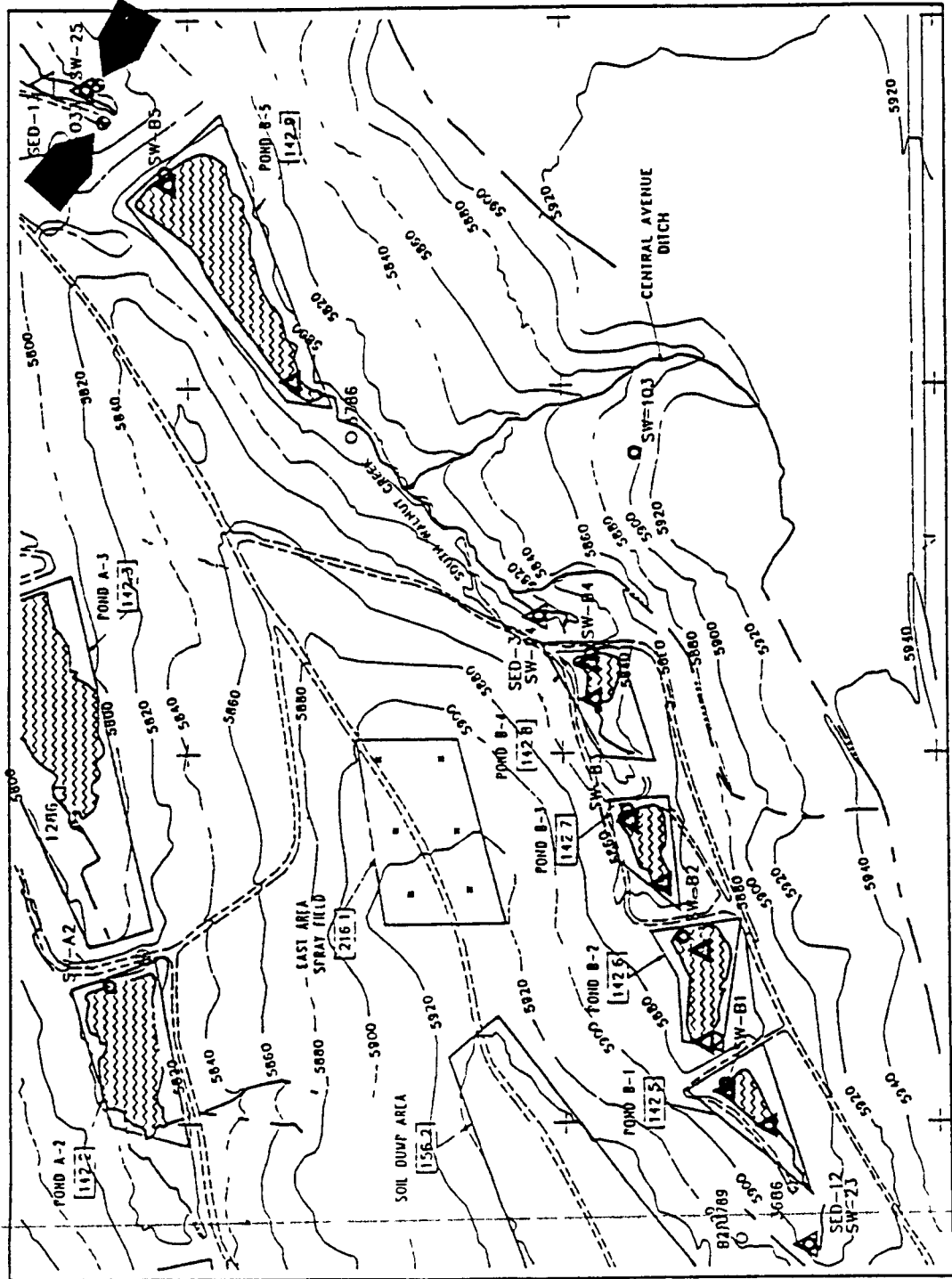
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PROPOSED SAMPLING & WELL LOCATIONS  
HSSs 142 B-9,  
B-SERIES DETENTION PONDS  
ALONG SOUTH WALNUT CREEK  
HSS 216 1 EAST AREA SPRAY FIELD

Figure 10

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### EXPLANATION

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INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE (HSS) IN OR (RAGLE UNIT 6

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EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION

$\Delta$  EXISTENCE OF A COMMON LOCATION

**PERMITS SECURITY ZONE**

DIRT ROAD

### PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SEDIMENT SAMPLES<sup>1</sup>

① PROPOSED BEDROCK WELL LOCATIONS FOR SITE-WIDE GEOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION PROGRAM.

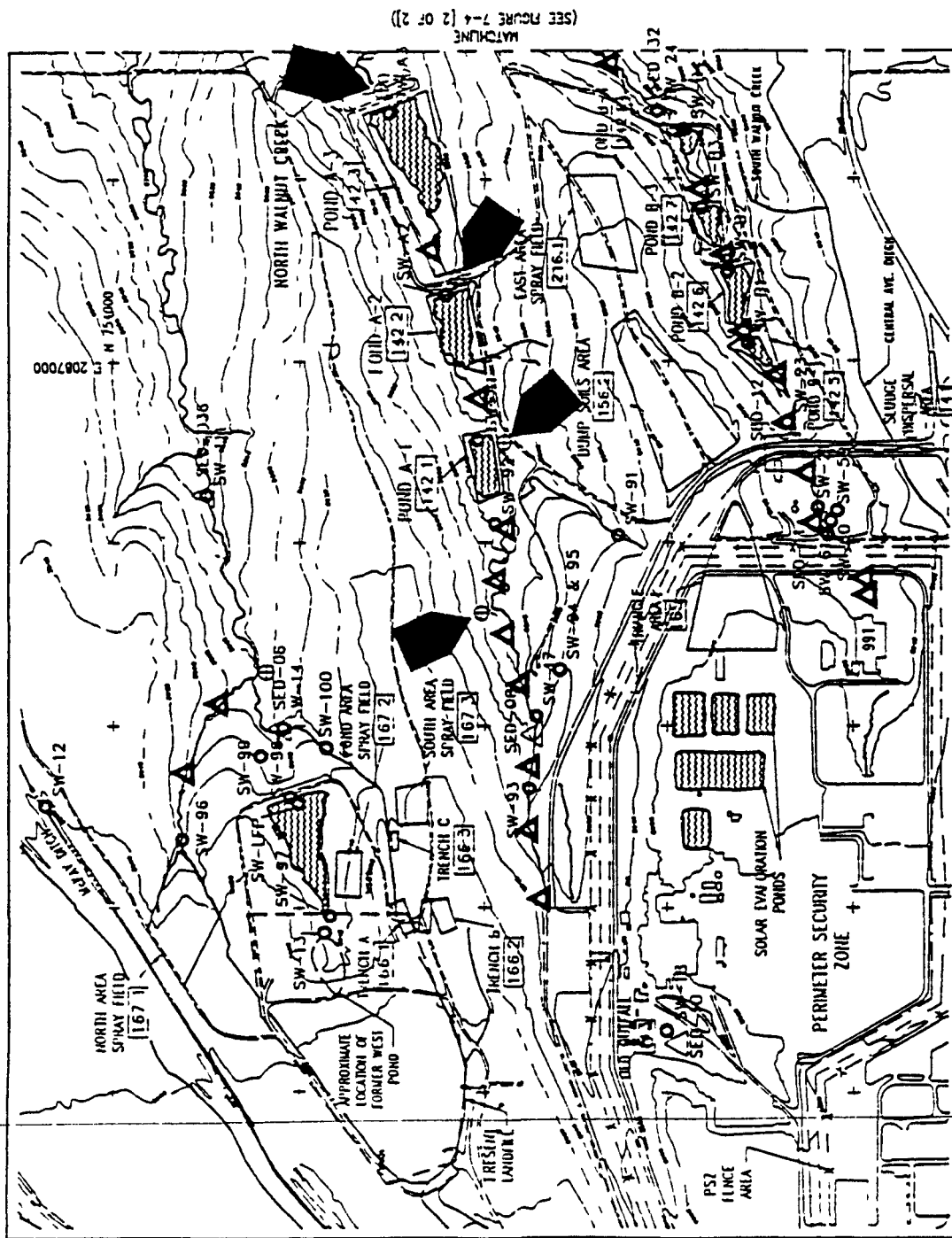
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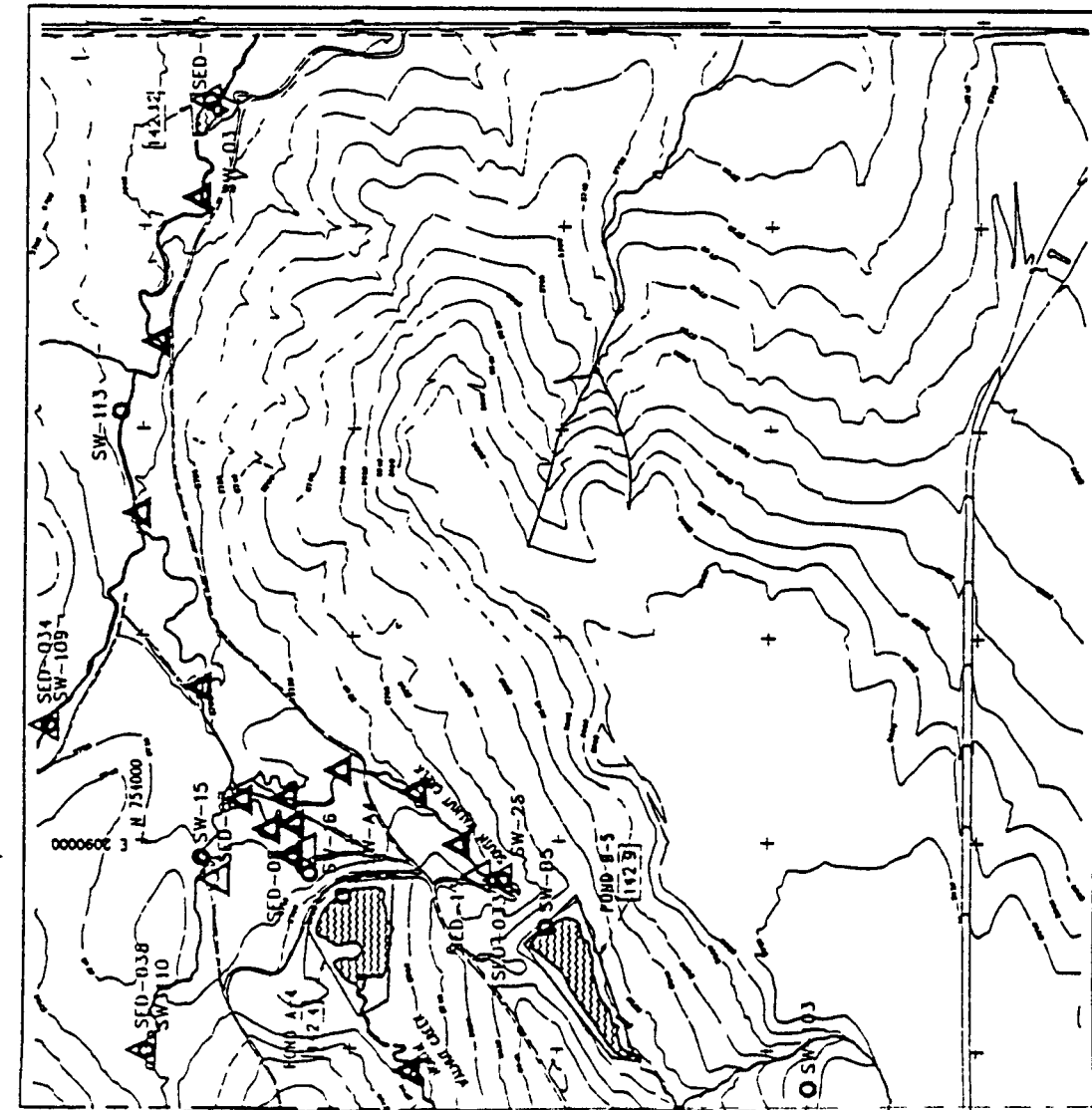
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**OPERABLE UNIT 6**

SEDIMENT SAMPLING SITES AND  
SITE-WIDE PROGRAM BEDROCK WELLS  
ON NORTH AND SOUTH  
WALNUT CREEKS

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(SEE FIGURE 7-4 [2 OF 2])

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SCALE 1" = 600'

**EXPLANATION**



INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE  
(HSS) IN OPERABLE UNIT 6

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HSS REFERENCE NUMBER

SW-1

EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION

SED-17

EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLE LOCATION

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DIRT ROAD



PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR SEDIMENT SAMPLES<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

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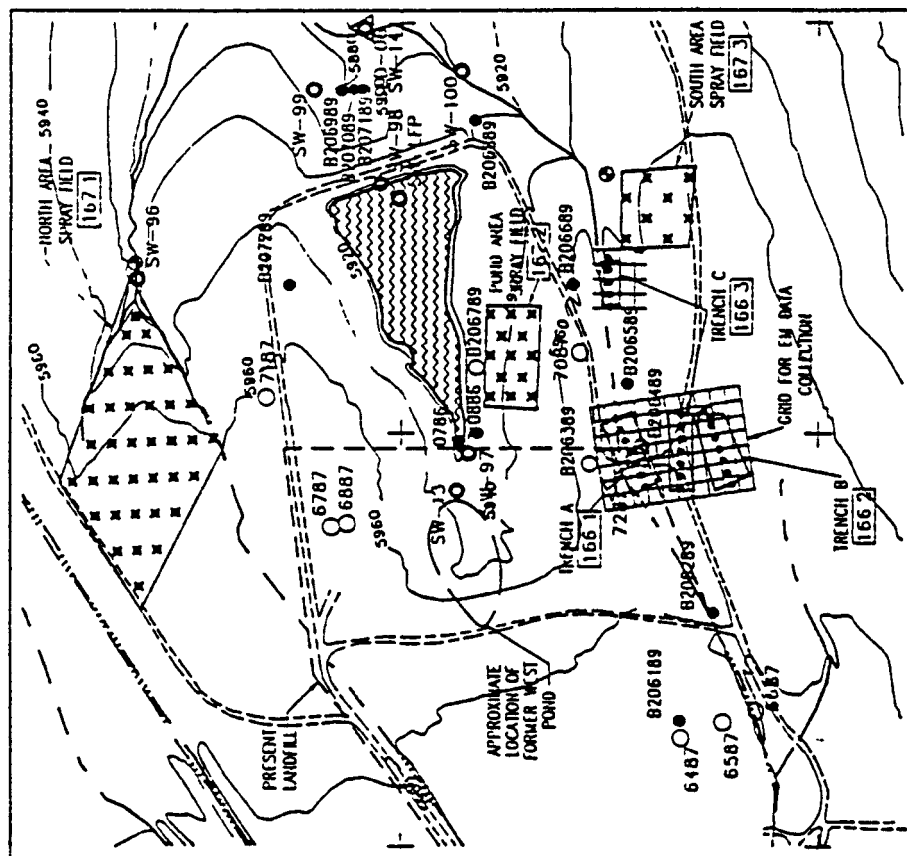
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SEDIMENT SAMPLING SITES (AND  
SITE-WIDE PROGRAM BEDROCK WELLS  
ON NORTH AND SOUTH  
WALNUT CREEKS

Figure 12

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Preliminary information from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers shows no flood plain for the drainageways on this map

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SCALE 1" = 300'

# EXPLANATION

- [115] INDIVIDUAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SITE
- SW-100 EXISTING SURFACE WATER SAMPLING LOCATION
- 5786 EXISTING ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL
- SED-17 EXISTING SEDIMENT SAMPLING LOCATION
- 3087 EXISTING BEDROCK GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL
- INTERMITTENT STREAM
- DIRT ROAD
- PROPOSED SON BORING LOCATION<sup>1</sup>
- ⊙ PROPOSED WELL LOCATION<sup>1</sup>
- PROPOSED BURING AND SURFACE SAMPLE LOCATION<sup>1</sup>
- ||||| PROPOSED ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY LINE LOCATION<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>ALL PROPOSED LOCATIONS ARE APPROPRIATE

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PHASE 1 RI/MI WORK PLAN

PROPOSED SAMPLING & WELL LOCATIONS  
HHSs 166 1-3, TRENCHES A, B, & C  
HHSs 167 1-3 NORTH AREA,  
POND AREA AND SOUTH AREA

